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- (a) The General Assembly finds that the policies and procedures of this subtitle are desirable and socially necessary.
 - (b) The purposes of this subtitle are to:
- (1) timely provide permanent and safe homes for children consistent with their best interests;
 - (2) protect children from unnecessary separation from their parents;
 - (3) ensure adoption only by individuals fit for the responsibility;
- (4) protect parents from making hurried or ill-considered agreements to terminate parental rights;
- (5) protect prospective adoptive parents by providing them information about prospective adoptees and their backgrounds; and
- (6) protect adoptive parents from a future disturbance of their relationship with adoptees by former parents.

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